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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Harrisonburg Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 409 South Main Street, to consider the following:

Downtown Streetscape Plan

Public hearing to consider adopting the City of Harrisonburg Downtown Streetscape Plan. The plan's goal is to present an easily communicable, comprehensive vision for the public streetscape in Downtown Harrisonburg that can be utilized by public and private agencies to further develop and sustain a vibrant downtown. The objectives of the Plan are to: develop a comprehensive vision for the public right-of-way within the study area that defines public and private expectations for project elements during development and redevelopment of properties; provide a plan for safe and efficient pedestrian and bicycle accommodations that enhance the public streetscape and related public spaces; expand parking opportunities in coordination with streetscape enhancements to support future downtown business, residential housing, and visitor needs; enhance public transportation facilities to accommodate citizens and visitors in coordination with streetscape improvements; develop a place for public services in the downtown area that addresses the changing needs of businesses; plan for necessary improvements to public and private utility infrastructure so that it does not impede or encumber streetscape improvements; partner with property owners and community stakeholders to provide opportunities for development or redevelopment of public and private downtown properties that could enhance the public streetscape; consider expansion of recreational and green space opportunities downtown that coordinate with public streetscape improvements; and enhance the visual character of the downtown streetscape. The Plan addresses several issues that occur downtown by synthesizing and expanding upon existing documents to develop a long-term, achievable plan for enhancing the downtown streetscape. This includes providing a practical guide for public improvements on each downtown street and communicating these plans to the development community to share project costs amongst stakeholder groups.

Maps and other information are available for review in the Community Development Department, 409 South Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All persons interested will have an opportunity to express their views at these public hearings. Any individual requiring auxiliary aids, including signers, in connection with the public hearing shall notify the Planner at 432-7700 at least five days prior to the date of the meeting.